

The following claims are submitted for consideration by the Examiner:

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12. (New) A radio communication system comprising:
a first base station from which a handover starts;
a second base station at which the handover ends; and
a mobile station that combines a signal from said first base station and a signal from said second base station while the handover is in progress,

wherein, said first base station gradually reduces power levels of signals transmitted to said mobile station as said mobile station moves further from said first base station, and said second base station gradually increases power levels of signals transmitted to said mobile station as said mobile station moves closer to said second base station to keep the combined signal obtained in said mobile station at a desired quality level.

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13. (New) A base station for use in the radio communication system of claim 12, comprising:

a receiver that receives a transmission power control signal transmitted from the mobile station; and

a transmission power controller that controls a transmission power level of a downlink signal, in accordance with the transmission power control signal, such that said transmission power level decreases as said mobile station moves further from said base station.

14. (New) A communication method comprising:

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transmitting a signal from a first base station to a mobile station;
transmitting a signal from a second base station to the mobile station;
processing a handover from the first base station to the second base station;
combining the signal from the first base station and the signal from the second base station while the handover is in progress,
wherein, said first base station gradually reduces power levels of signals transmitted to said mobile station as said mobile station moves further from said first base station, and said second base station gradually increases power levels of signals transmitted to said mobile station as said mobile station moves closer to said second base station to keep the combined signal obtained in said mobile station at a desired quality level.---

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter, and have submitted three new claims for consideration by the Examiner. In view of the herein contained remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in the present application and an indication to such effect in due course.

Initially, Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action.